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REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

The Restriction Requirement dated May 15, 2003, identified two species:

"a [first] species wherein there are plural flow paths which extend to the surface,
and a [second] species wherein there are plural flow paths which do not extend to
the surface, and are controlled by a flow control device near the junction."

Applicant elects, without traverse, the second species. Claims 1-8, 10-27, and 29-33 are readable on the elected species. Note that claims 1-8, 10-27, and 29-33 are generic and thus read on both the first and second species. Upon allowance of any generic claim, Applicant reserves the right to rejoin non-elected claims into this application. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 20-1504 (SHL.0143P2US).

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